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FIELD INFORMATION REPORT

COUNTRY: Syria

REPORT NO. MSD-864

SUBJECT: Visit to Syria of Hajj Amin al-HUSAYNI. DATE OF INFO: June - 25 July 1956

DATE ACQUIRED: 27 July 1956

PLACE ACQUIRED: Damascus

DATE OF REPORT: 1 Aug 1956

SOURCE, SOURCE EVALUATION, APPRAISAL OF CONTENT: Regular Syrian source with good contacts in police circles in Syria (B). Appraisal of Content: 3

1. Hajj Amin al-HUSAYNI, accompanied by his family and a group of body guards, arrived in Damascus in June 1956 from Cairo.

In Damascus he called on the Syrian President Shukri QUWWATLI and on Prime Minister Sabri ASALI. He received a call from (fau) TAMIMI, representative of the Arab Higher Committee in Damascus, and from other leaders of the Palestinian refugee community. HUSAYNI requested the Syrian Surete General to assign him a personal guard for his protection but as of 25 July this had not been done. HUSAYNI also requested an interview with the Minister of National Defense, Abd-al-Hasib BASLAN; as of 25 July, however, the visit had not been arranged.

2. Husayni and his family intend to spend the summer in Bludan, Syria.

Source Comment: Because Hajj Amin has been forbidden from engaging in political activity in Egypt by the Egyptian Government, one of the reasons for his trip to Syria is to contact Iraqi and Jordanian authorities in order to obtain permission to reside in one of those two countries. If he is unable to

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settle in Iraq or Jordan he is expected to seek permission to live in Syria.

Station Comment:

1. TAMIMI may be the Rafiq TAMIMI of NSD-14 or Umar TAMIMI of SO-55740.
2. HUSAYNI was last reported in NSD-322